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Board issues 2016 annual report on licensure, regulatory activities

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa Board of Medicine has issued its 2016 annual report on the agency's licensure and regulatory activities. In 2016, the Board:

- Administered active licenses for 12,236 physicians and 66 licensed acupuncturists, and issued 11 new licenses for non-clinical administrative medicine practices.
- Received 645 complaints and mandatory reports and completed reviews or investigations of 661 case files.
- Took 62 public disciplinary actions and voted to issue 89 confidential letters of concerns about licensees' conduct or practice.
- Filed charges against 21 physicians and issued three public consent agreements as a condition for medical licensure.
- Assessed civil penalties totaling \$78,500 involving 17 cases.
- Initiated action to amend three administrative rules concerning the practice of licensed acupuncturists, new guidance for physicians who treat chronic pain patients, and the composition of Board panels that hear disciplinary cases.
- Held seven two-day administrative meetings, 10 teleconferences, one disciplinary hearing, and numerous subcommittee meetings on issues and topics before the Board.
- Continued a robust educational outreach program to the public and licensees, health care stakeholders, and state and federal government officials.
- Participated in training activities and regulatory discussions offered by the Federation of State Medical Boards, the Administrators in Medicine, and the Citizen Advocacy Center.
- Participated in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which creates an expedited process for multi-state medical licensure.
- Elected the first non-physician public member to chair the 130-year-old Board.

The full report, which includes a summary of all Board actions issued in 2016, is attached. See previous years' reports at http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov/about_the_board/data.html